



# **Sustainable Agricultural Intensification Research & Learning in Africa (SAIRLA)**

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# Context

- To meet global challenge to support growing population with sufficient and nutritional food, **agricultural production must increase** (SDG2).
- Increased production needs to be achieved while **reducing environmental impacts**, given the key challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss
- **Social challenges** are also key with continuing areas of chronic poverty and rising inequality around the world (SDG1)

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# What is Sustainable Agricultural Intensification (SAI)?

Concept of SAI has aim of:

- increasing agricultural productivity
- maintaining or improving environmental services

SAIRLA focus on how **women, youth and poorer smallholders** in Africa can participate in and benefit from SAI

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# SAIRLA aim

To generate, share and facilitate use of knowledge/ evidence by decision makers (**policy makers and investors**) and other stakeholders to develop SAI in ways that enable **poorer smallholders, particularly women and youth** in Africa to participate in and benefit from agricultural development

- *Complex* challenge
- Knowledge incomplete, with uncertainty diverse values & interests.
- **Multi-stakeholder, social learning** needed to enable:
  - different perspectives to be discussed
  - scenarios and options jointly assessed
  - more inclusive decision-making
  - strengthening of capacity (capability, motivation, opportunity) to act



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